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## Response to Office Action Dated 09/22/99

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated 09/22/99, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

## **AMENDMENTS**

## In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph "This application is a continuation of pending Untied States Patent Application, Serial No. 08/449,903 filed May 23, 1995 for MAS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY, now \* \_\_\_\_\_\_\*." with--This application is a continuation of pending Untied States Patent Application, Serial No. 08/449,903 filed May 23, 1995 for MAS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY, now

abandoned.--

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 31 (Once Amended) A method for quantifying an analyte [disposed] in a specimen, said method comprising the steps of:

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